

Current Capabilities & Programme

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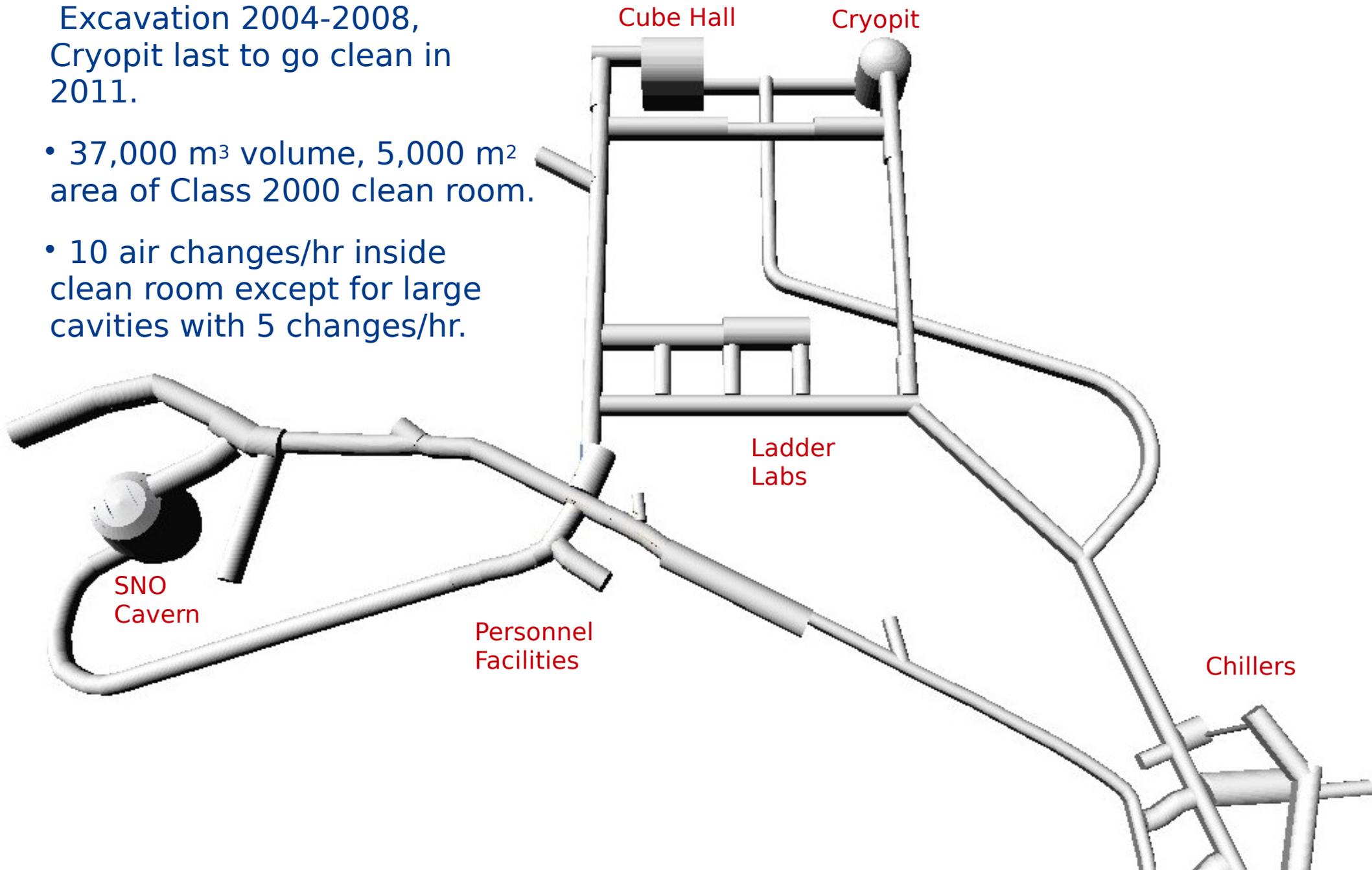
A long, brightly lit industrial hallway with a polished floor. The ceiling is high and features a complex network of pipes, conduits, and fluorescent lighting fixtures. On the right side, there are several large, grey metal cabinets or doors with windows. In the distance, a yellow forklift is visible. The overall atmosphere is clean and professional.

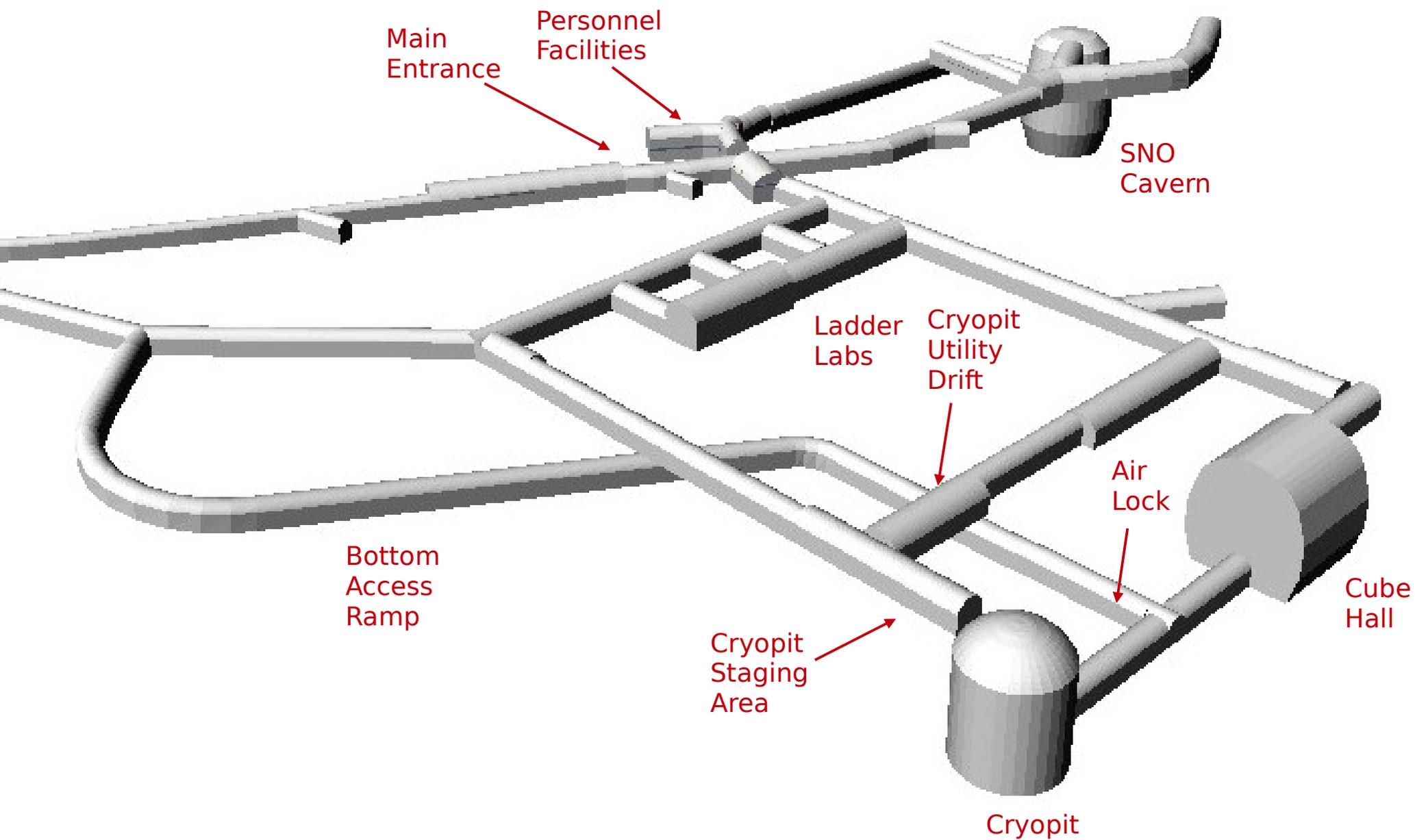
SNOLAB Facility

The Laboratory

Excavation 2004-2008,
Cryopit last to go clean in
2011.

- 37,000 m³ volume, 5,000 m² area of Class 2000 clean room.
- 10 air changes/hr inside clean room except for large cavities with 5 changes/hr.





SNOLAB Services

- Power (3MW total capacity)
- Cooling (1 MW total capacity)
- Ultra Pure Water (feed stock only, local purification by Project)
- Network (10 Gb/s ug-surface, 1 Gb/s surface-offsite)
- Radon reduced air: ~ 100cfm for short periods
- Exhaust Ventilation (Project specific)



UG Low Background
Counting Lab (under
development)

Need for Radon-reduced air
for low background counting
and other purposes?

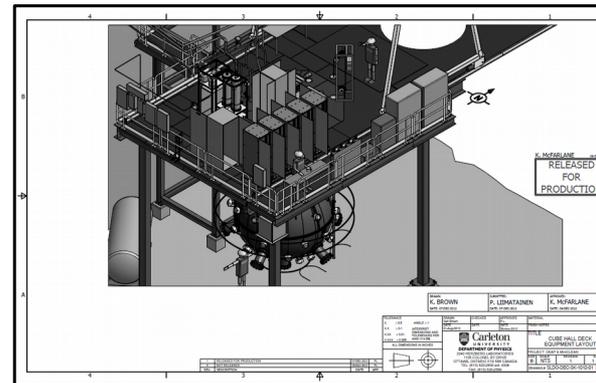
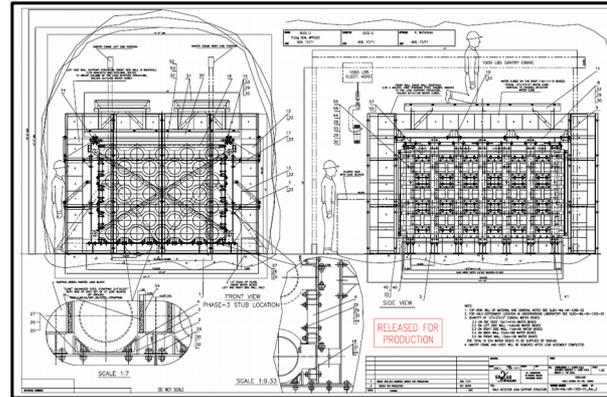


**Surface Machine shop
(not shown)**



Experiment Support

- Logistics & Material Handling
- Cleaning
- Installation
- Analytical Services
- IT
- Procurement
- Training
- Design
- Project Coordination
- Radioactive source review (SNOLAB + Community)



- Until now SNOLAB has been focused on completion of the laboratory and launching the experimental programme. As a result performance of some key laboratory systems has had limited attention.
- Each experiment has different needs to operate with minimal disruptions. The services that are critical for operations usually include:
 - Power
 - Cooling
 - Network ug-surface and surface- offsite
- Some experiments are particularly vulnerable to loss of power or cooling and may require weeks to recover from a disruption lasting 10s of minutes.

Going to single mode fibre (increased bandwidth to ≥ 10 Gb/s ug-surface)

Redundancy across separate fibre bundles in the shaft and drift (albeit at 100 Mb/s).

Additional single mode fibre bundle in shaft planned.

Increased run time on some UPSs underground.

Spanning tree protection in place (but a sufficiently complicated network added to ours can still cause problems)

VPN system priority for 2016



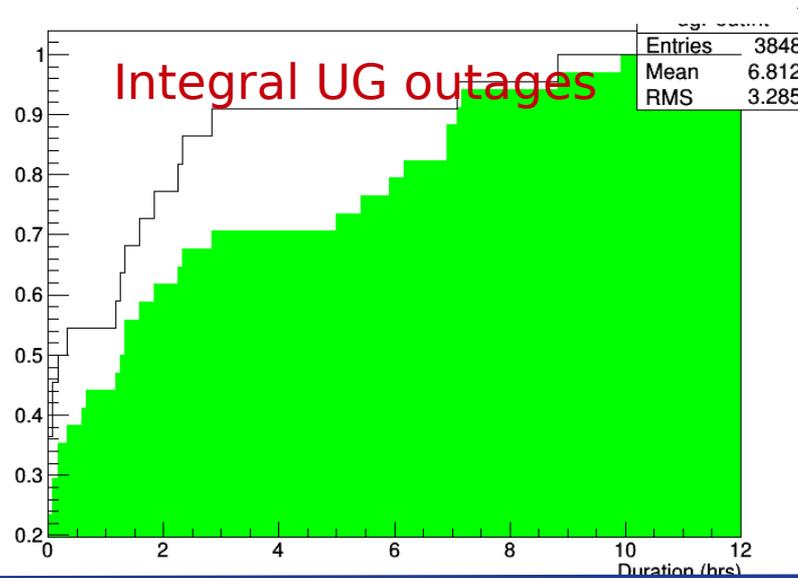
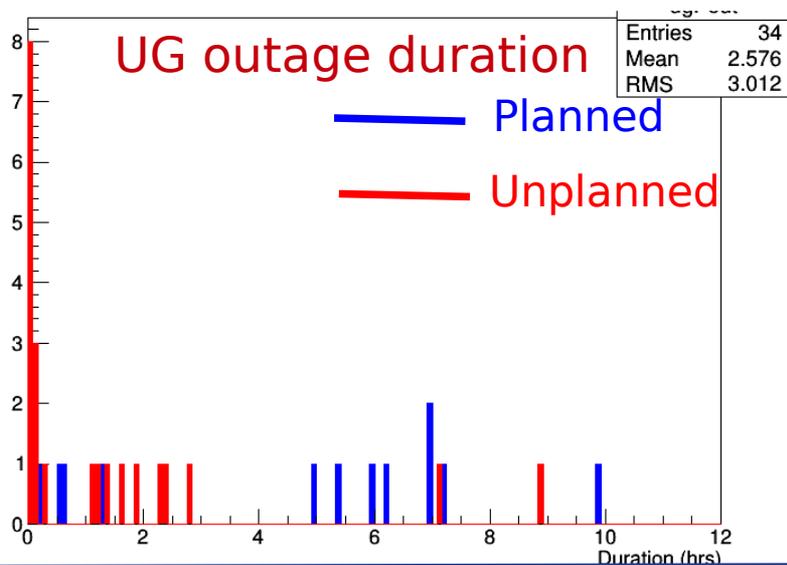
Improving Power

SNOLAB has been seeing an unprecedented number of power outages over the last several years. A majority of these have been due to maintenance and upgrades to the power distribution by both SNOLAB and Vale.

Some of the sources of disruption have been retired through power system upgrades completed in 2015.

| Time | Events | Rate (yr ⁻¹) |
|----------|--------|--------------------------|
| < 10 min | 11 | 3.9 |
| > 10 min | 23 | 8.2 |
| > 30 min | 21 | 7.1 |
| > 1 hr | 19 | 6.8 |
| > 2 hr | 13 | 4.6 |
| > 4 hr | 10 | 3.6 |
| > 8 hr | 2 | 0.7 |
| Total | 34 | 12.1 |

Dec 2011 - Sep 2014



Power will be improved

SNOLAB power will move from Vale #11 Circuit to #18 Circuit while retaining #11 as a backup. (Installation this spring.)

SNOLAB will install a surface generator set:

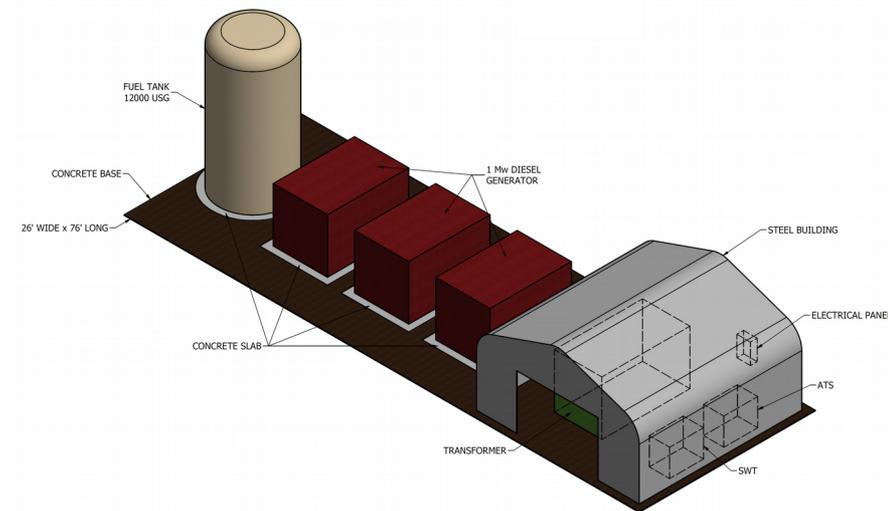
- Will serve entire u/g lab

- Will require project-specific bridging UPSs

- Automatic transfer in planned and unplanned outages

- Operational in 2018

These actions are expected to decrease the frequency of power disruptions from 12/yr to **1-2** per year.



Implement a preventative maintenance programme and acquire shelf spares of key components.

Improving power redundancy to Chiller.

Considering options for dedicated power feed to SNOLAB from surface.

Experiment design: Considering dual power feeds from the two main distributions within SNOLAB.

- The existing Chiller is modular and in principle has a great deal of redundancy in its design. However, there are a number of single point failures that have not been resolved since it was installed.
- Presently there are no statistics on Chiller reliability but it is planned to start collecting them.
- Over the next several years, effort will be made to identify and eliminate these failure points.
- Depending on the success of the Chiller robustness initiative it may still be recommended that high risk Projects implement backup cooling strategies.



A large audience is seated in a lecture hall, facing a presentation screen. The screen displays a slide with text and a small image. The text on the screen includes "SNOLAB", "RMIT RMIT University", and "www.rmit.edu.au". The audience is diverse in age and appearance, and the room is well-lit with a grid ceiling.

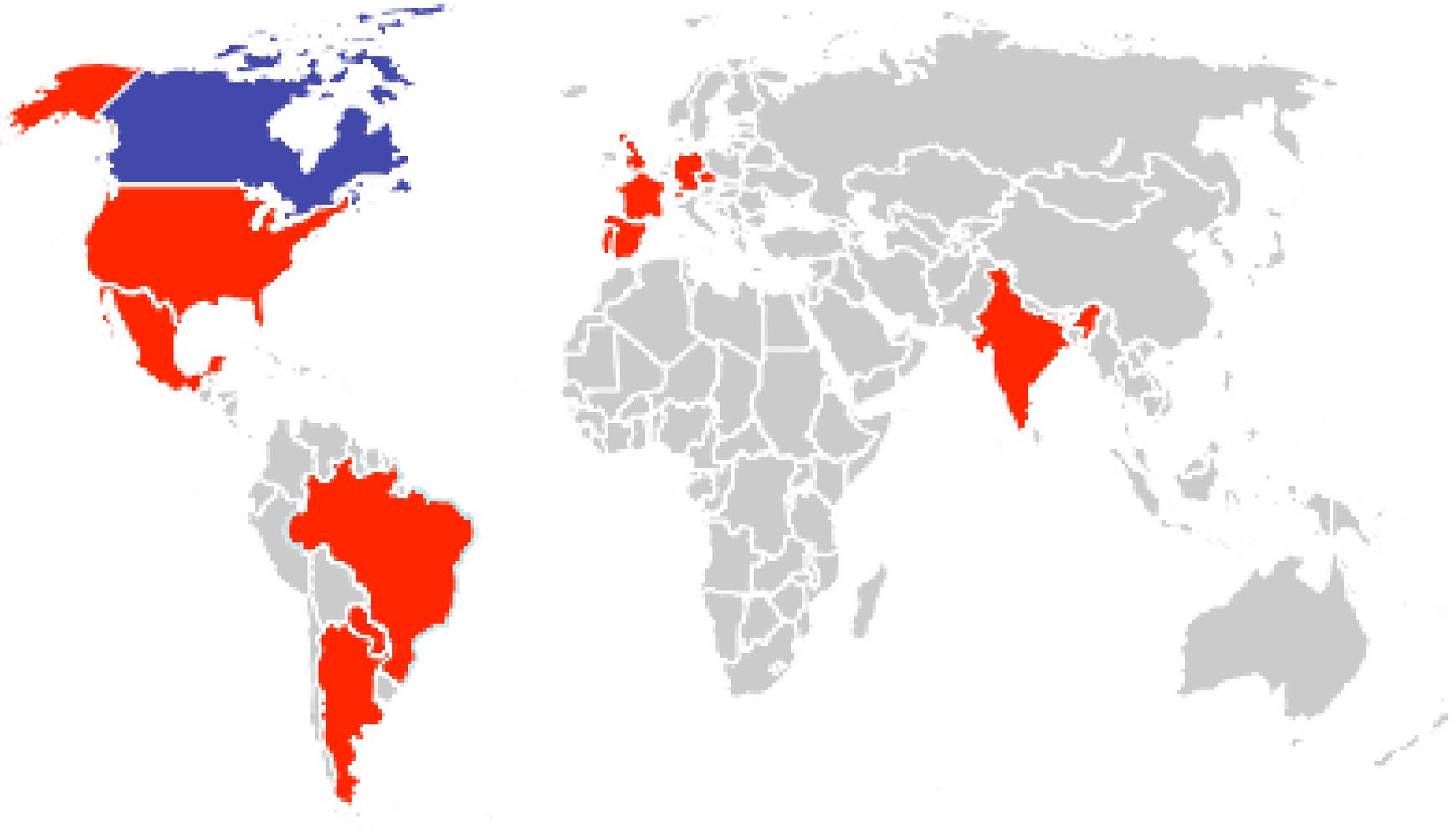
SNOLAB Scientific Programme

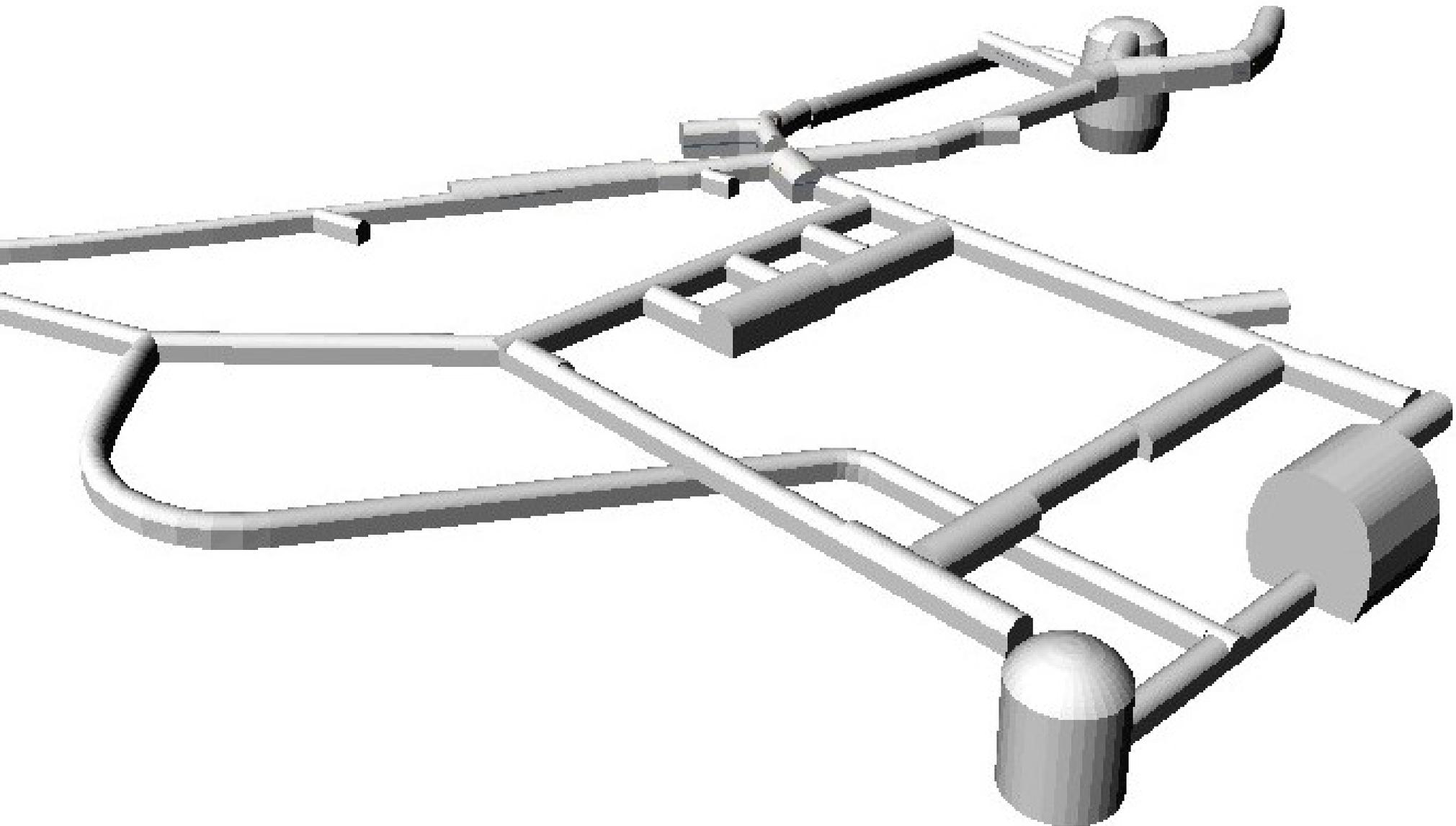
Current Science Program



| Experiment | Neutrino | Dark Matter | Other | Space Allocated | Status |
|---------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| CEMI | | | Mining Data Centre | Surface Facility | Operational |
| COUPP-4 | | X | | J-Drift | Completed |
| DAMIC | | X | | J-Drift | Operational |
| DEAP-1 | | X | | J-Drift | Completed |
| DEAP-3600 | | X | | Cube Hall | Commissioning |
| DEAP- 50T/CLEAN | | X | | Cube Hall | Expression of Interest |
| DMTPC | | X | | Ladder Labs | Expression of Interest |
| Ge-1T | X | | | Cryopit | Definition Phase |
| nEXO | X | | | Cryopit | Definition Phase |
| HALO | X | | | HALO Stub | Operational |
| MiniCLEAN | | X | | Cube Hall | Commissioning |
| NEWS | | X | | Cryopit? | Definition Phase |
| PICASSO-III | | X | | Ladder Labs | Completed |
| PICO-2L | | X | | J-Drift | Operational |
| PICO-60 | | X | | Ladder Labs | Operational |
| PICO-500 | | X | | Ladder Labs | Expression of Interest |
| PUPS | | | Seismicity | Various | Completed |
| SNO+ | X | | | SNO Cavern | In Construction |
| SuperCDMS | | X | | Ladder Labs | In Preparation |
| Stress Test Biology | | | Genomics | External Drifts | Operational |
| REPAIR | | | Low Rad Biology | Ladder Labs | Operational |
| CUTE | | X | Test Facility | TBD | Definition Phase |
| DUST | | | Test Facility | Ladder Labs | Expression of Interest |

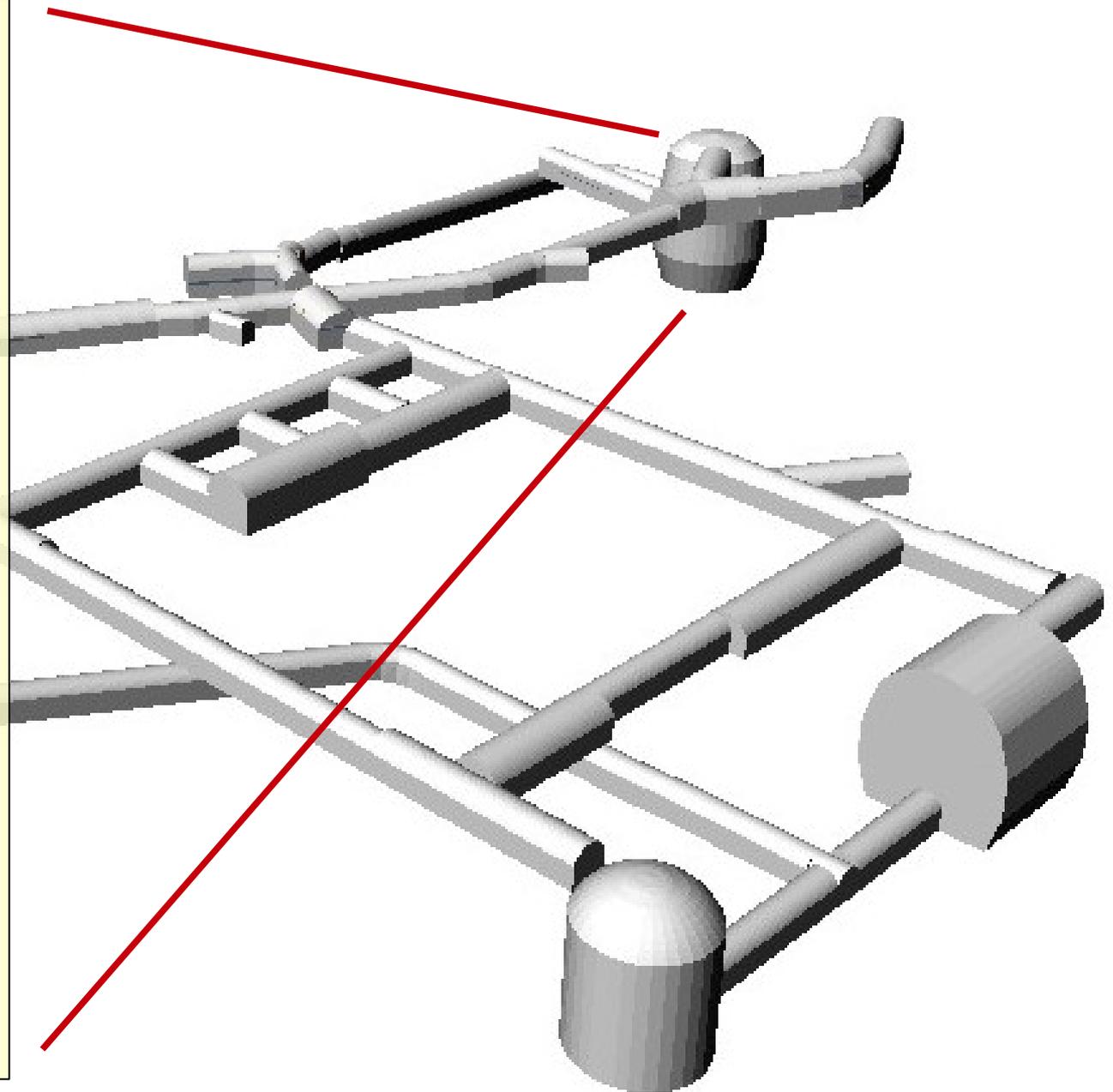
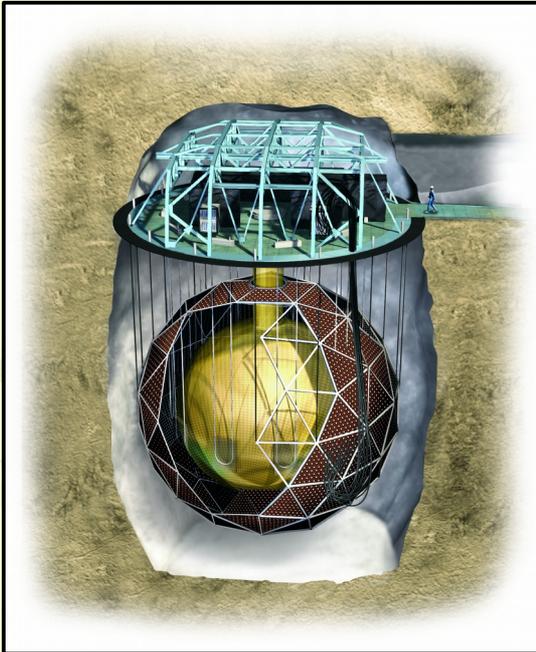
- 149 faculty researchers from 70 institutions over 14 countries
- > 500 faculty, highly qualified personnel and technical support.
- ~11,000 underground person-shifts per year (~60/shift/day).



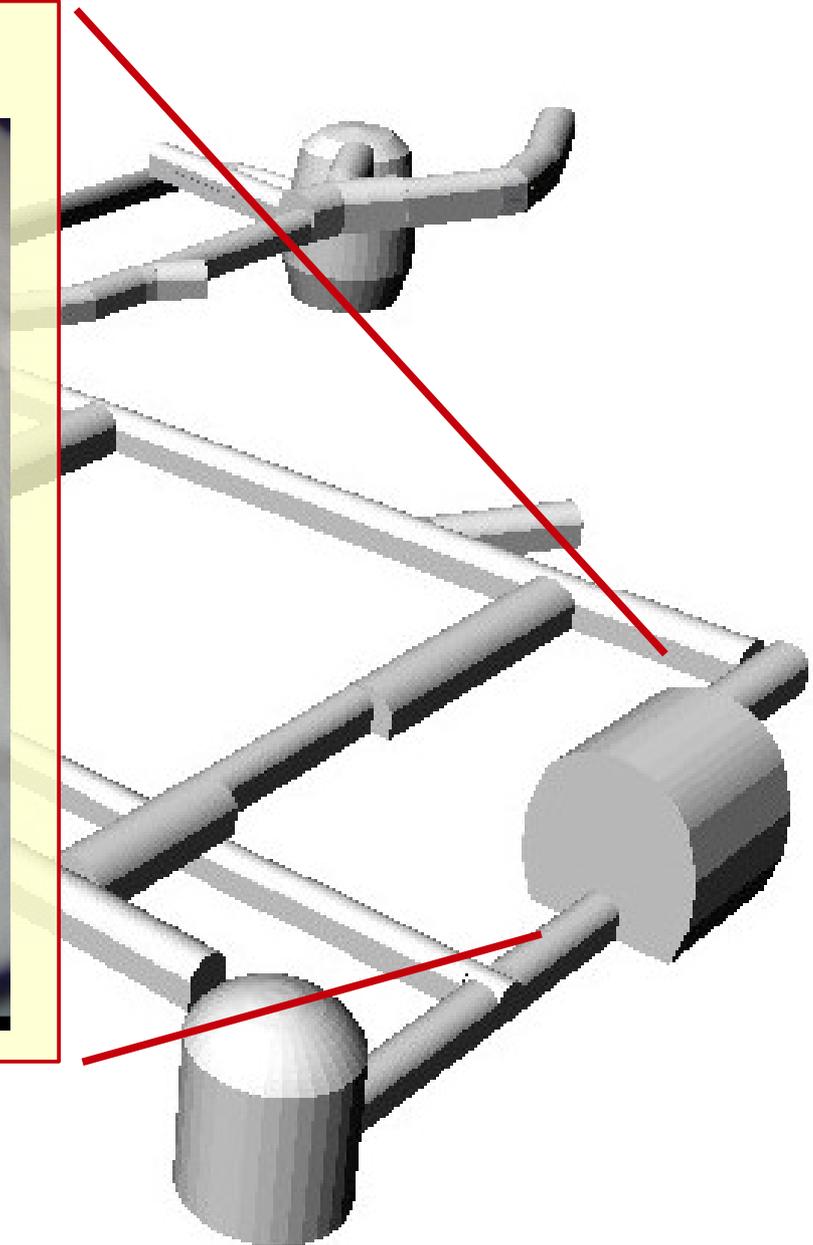
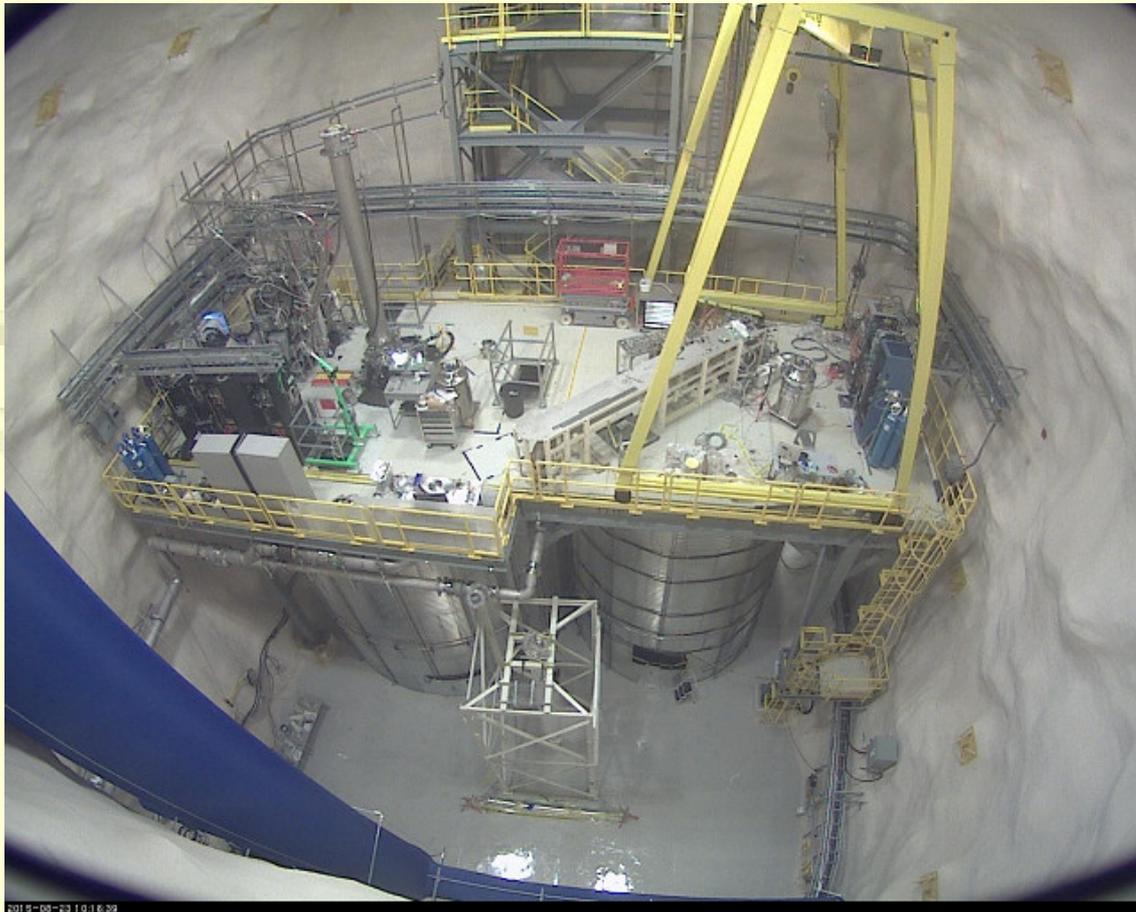


Current Experiments

SNO+

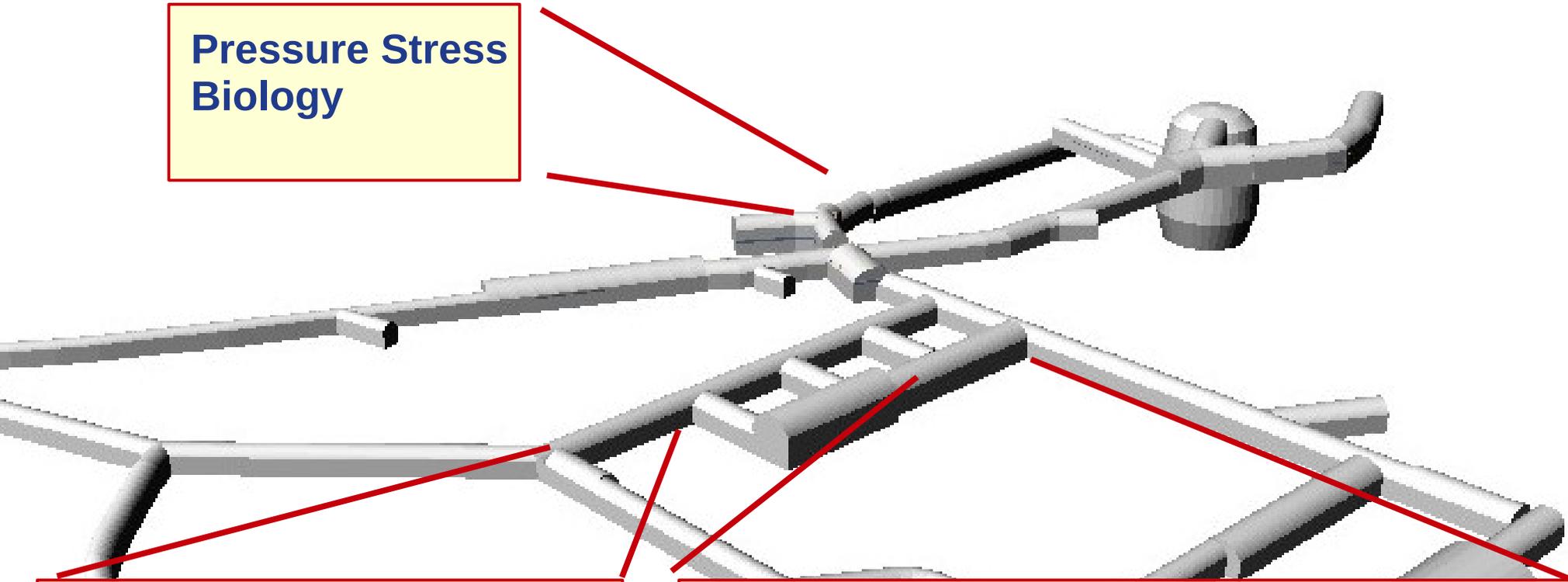


DEAP-3600, MiniCLEAN



Current Experiments

Pressure Stress
Biology



REPAIR



PICO-60



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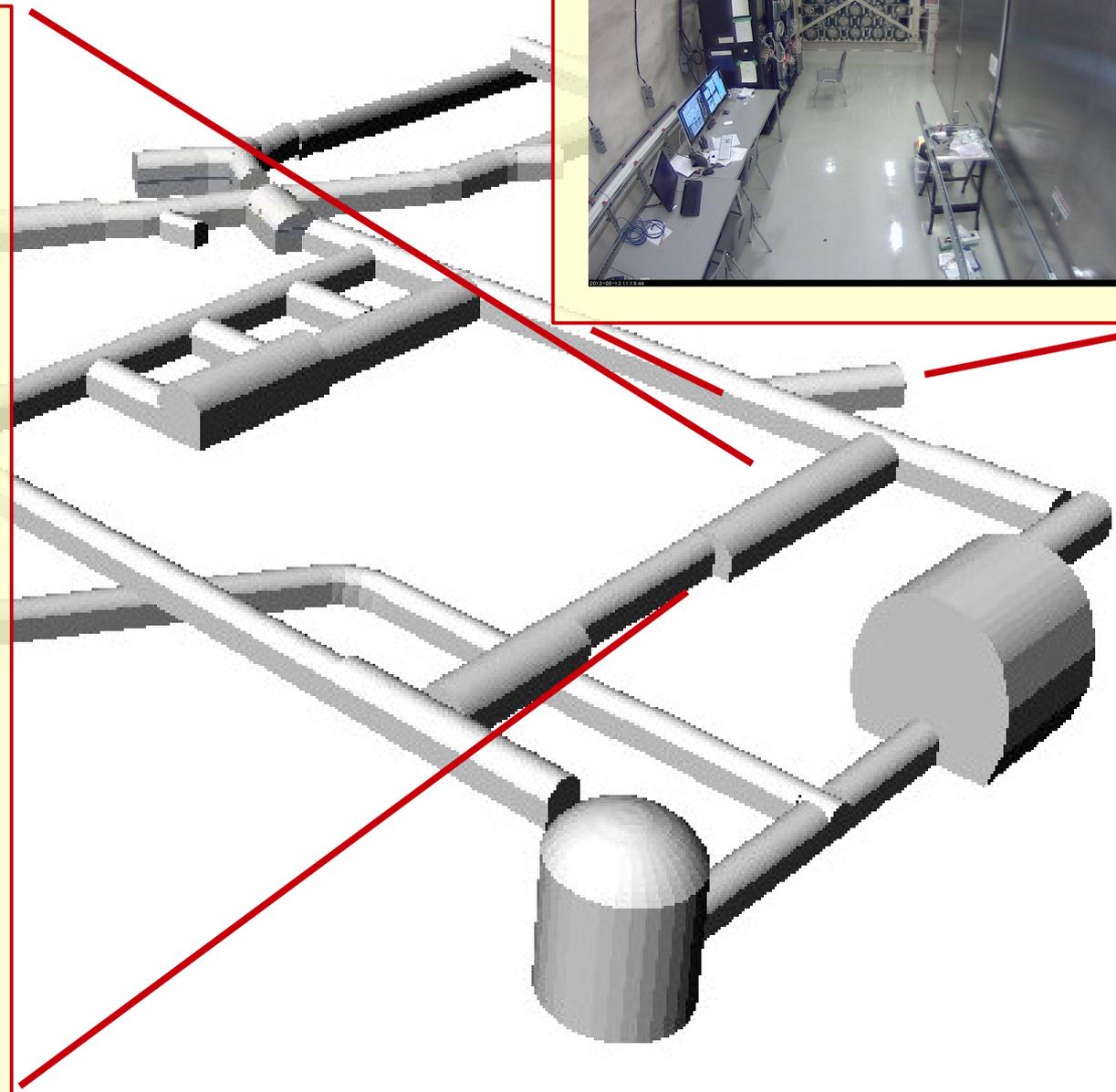
HALO

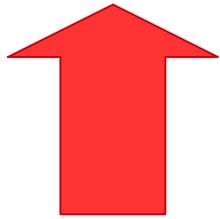
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PICO-2L



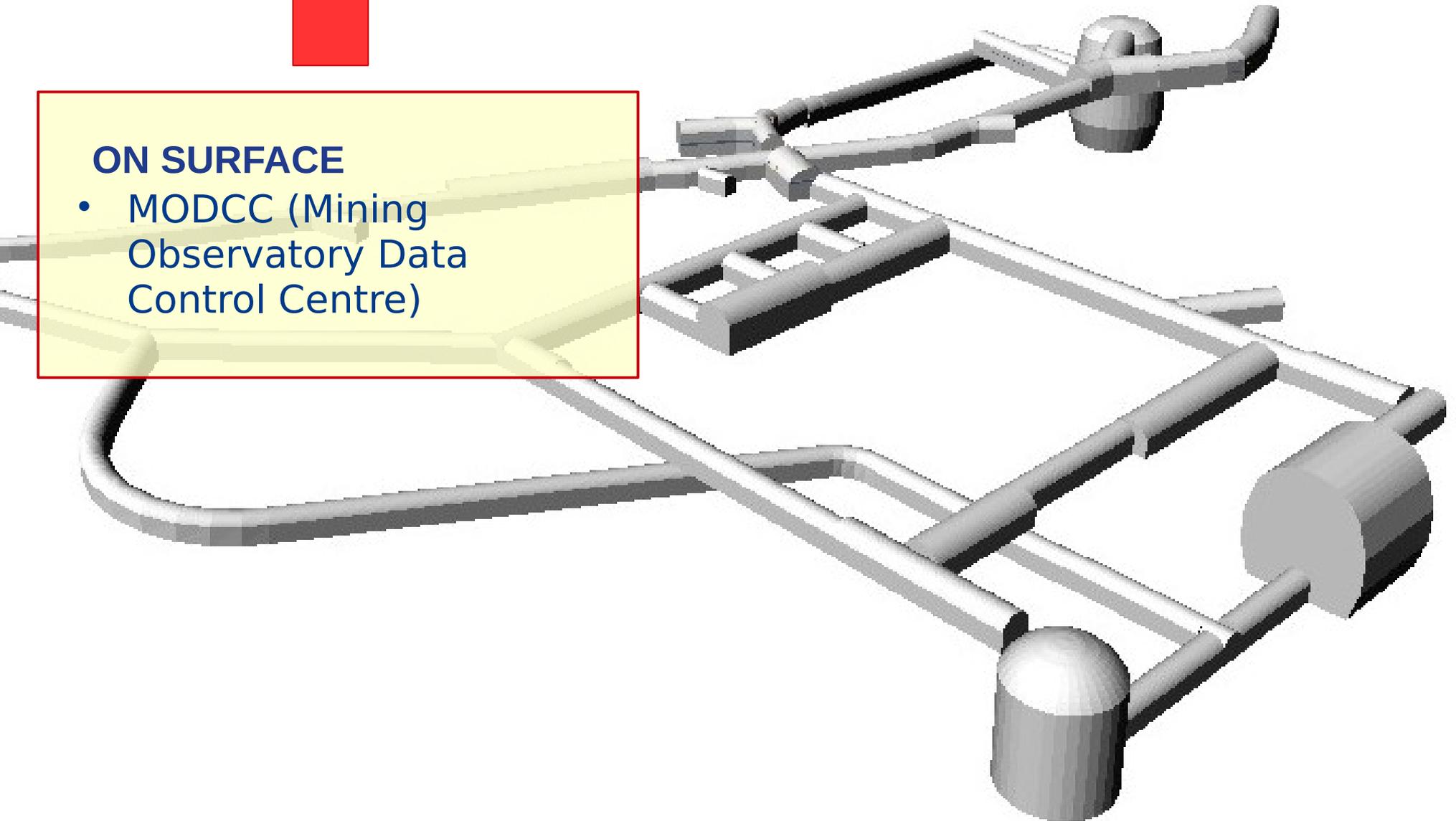
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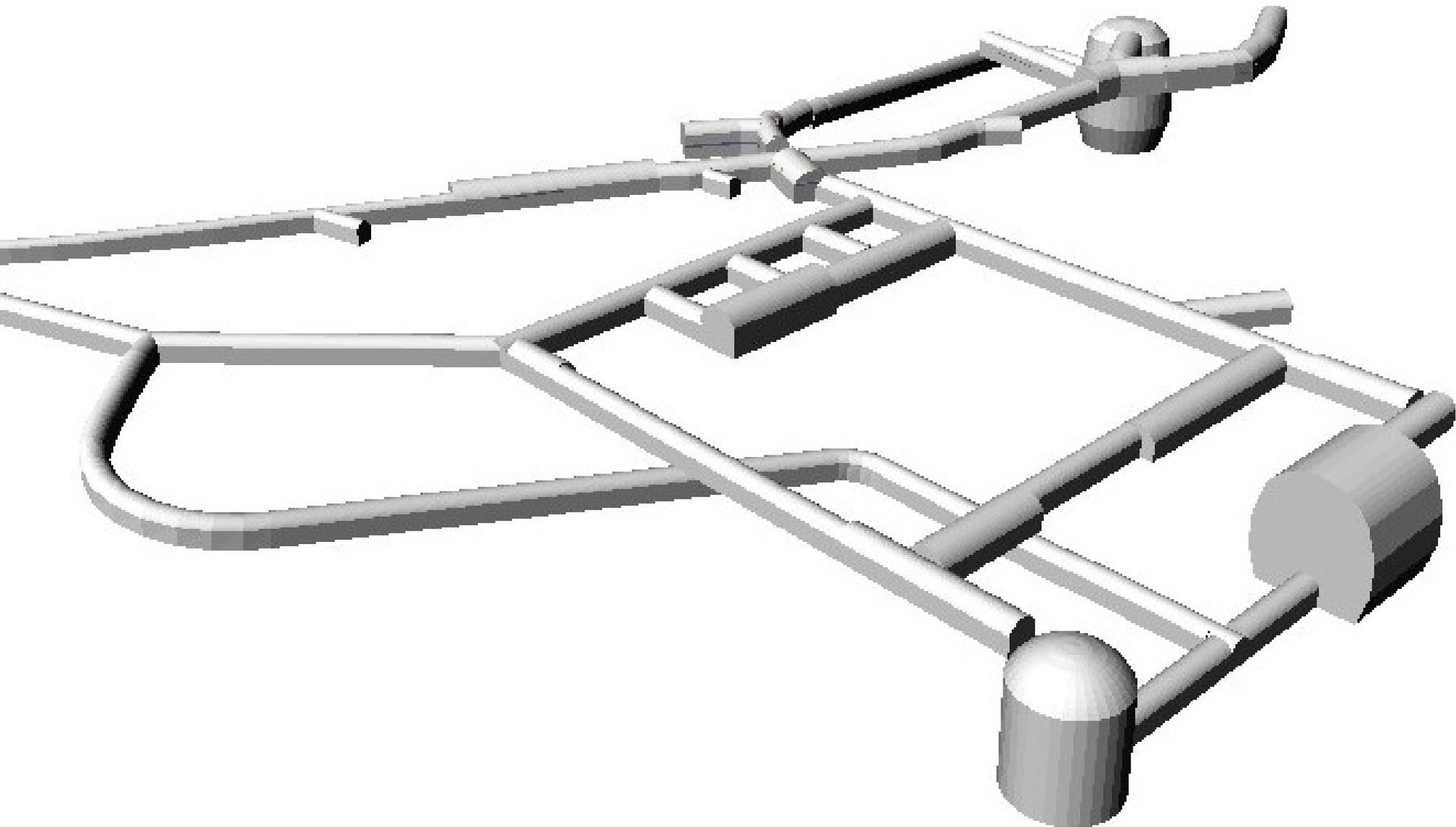




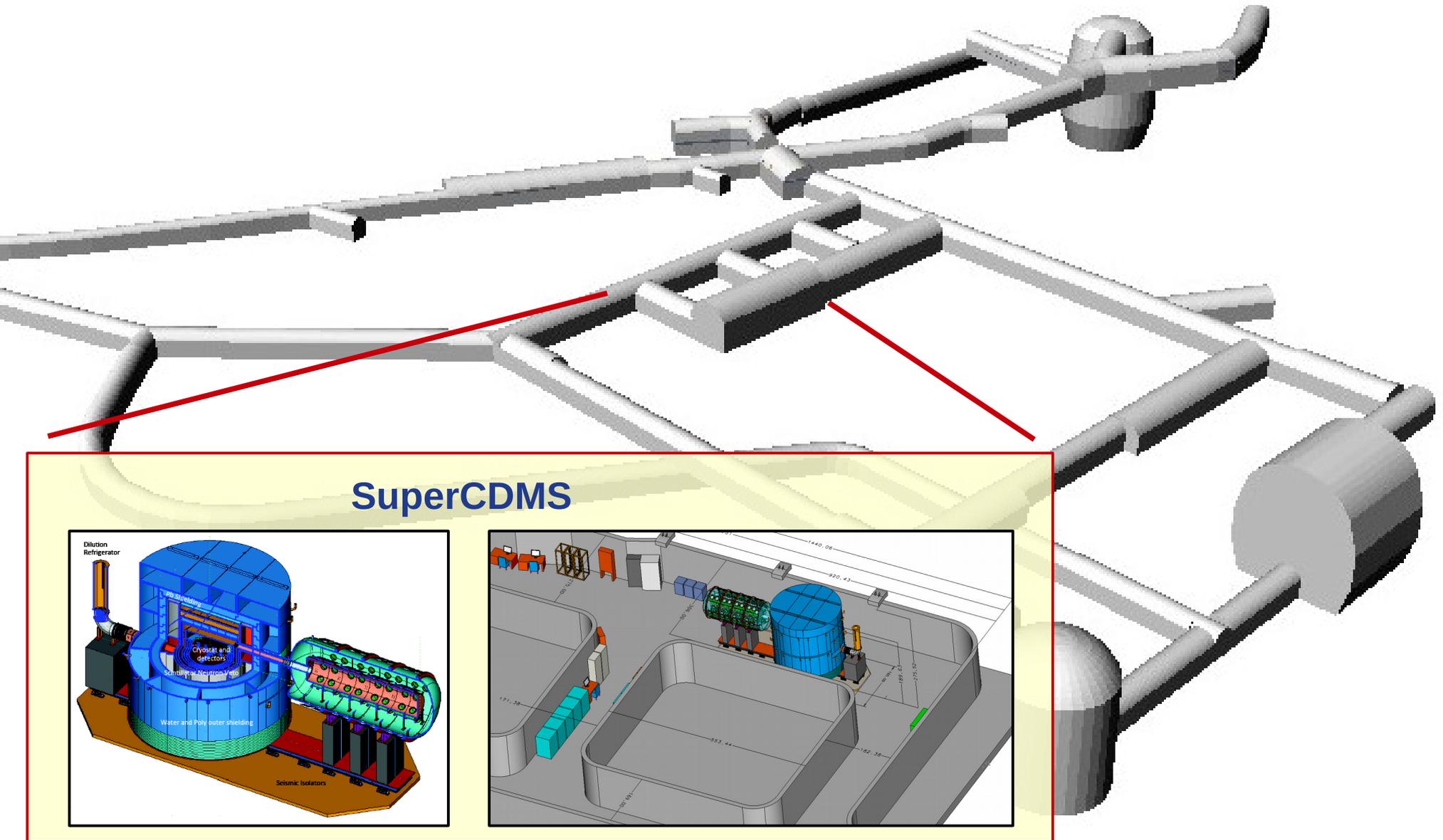
ON SURFACE

- MODCC (Mining Observatory Data Control Centre)

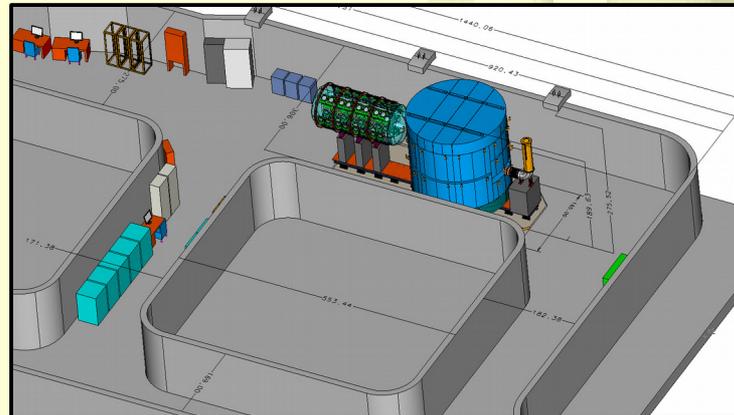
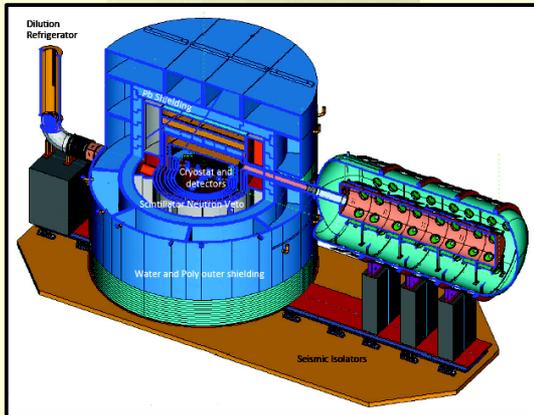




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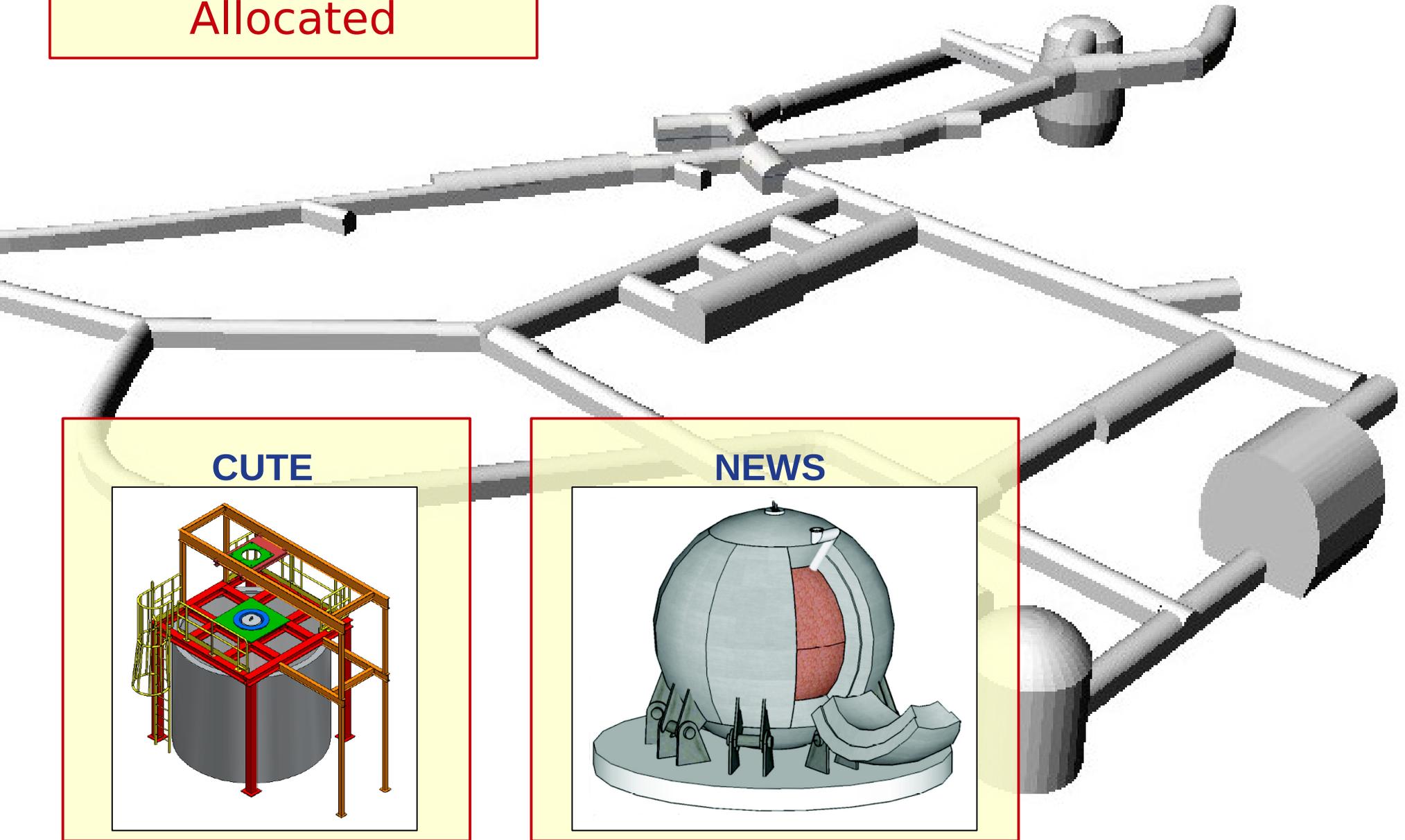


SuperCDMS



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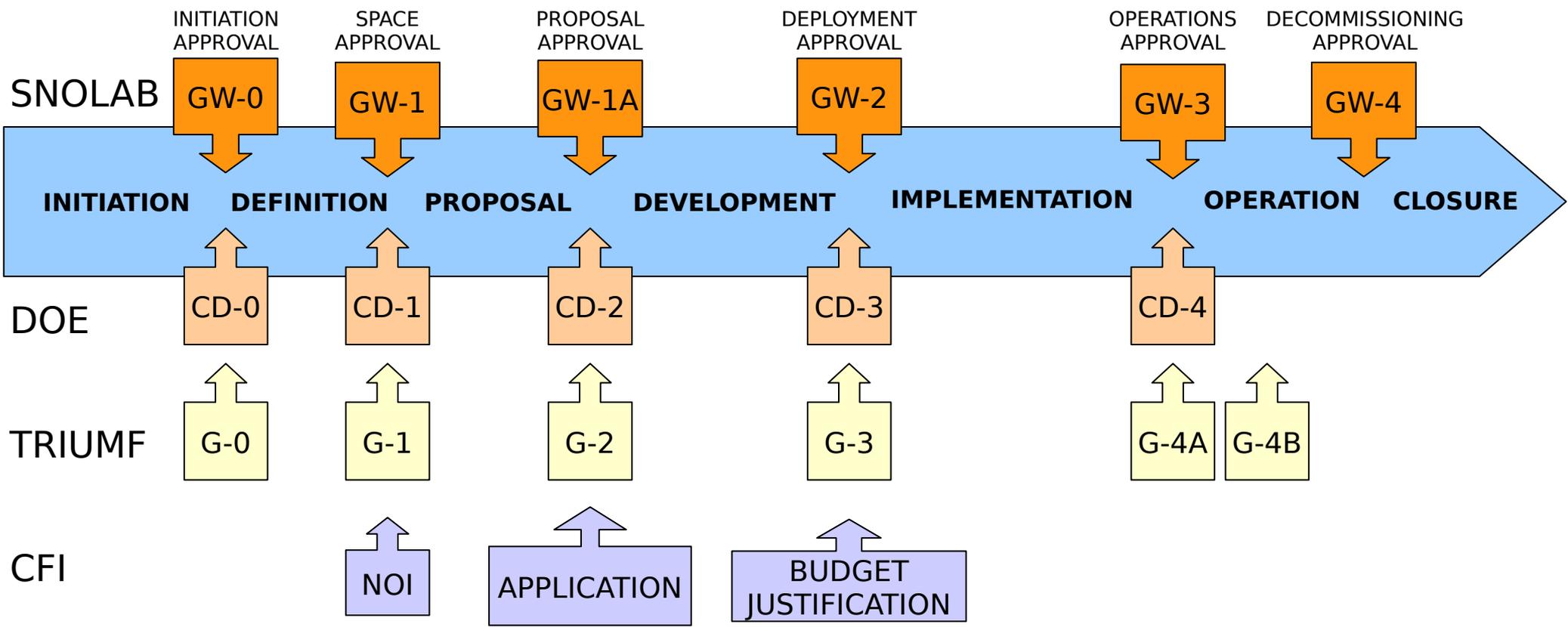
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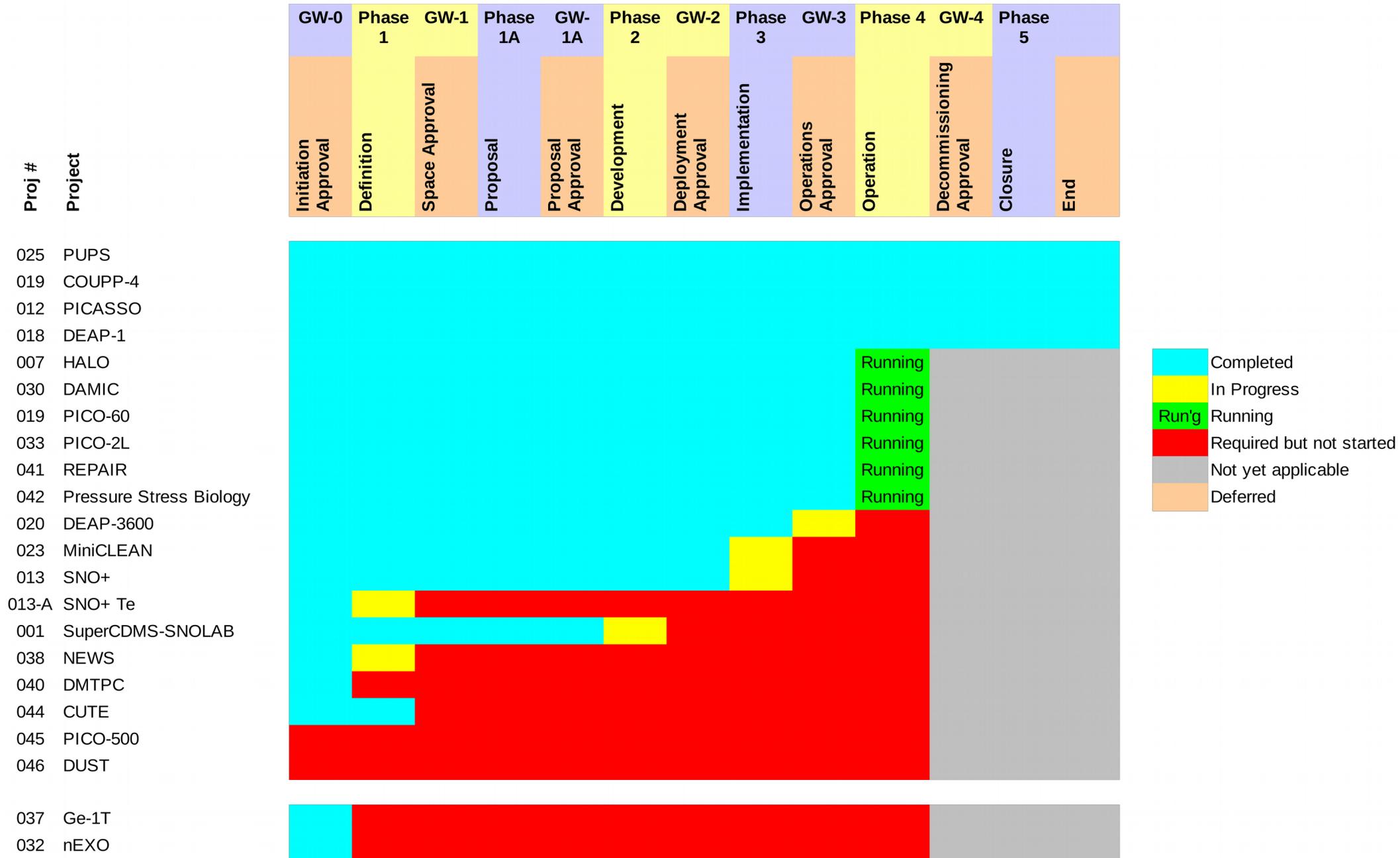
- To ensure scientific excellence, the science program is steered by an **Experiment Advisory Committee (EAC)** reporting to the SNOLAB Director. Chaired by Stewart Smith with international membership.
- To help ensure high-quality delivery, SNOLAB is in the process of obtaining ISO 9001 (Quality) and OHSAS 18001 (Health and Safety) accreditation.
- **SNOLAB Experiment Forum (SEF)**: Forum of representatives from each active experiment and the facility. To ensure that we are meeting the collective needs of the experiment programme and to get feedback on the effectiveness of our processes. One instance identified by the SEF was the need to prioritize the Low Background Counting Lab.
- **Project Life Cycle** administered by the SNOLAB Projects Office.

Project Life Cycle

- Aligns with anticipated funding agency requirement to review financial and resource viability of Projects asking for CFI funding.
- CFI has mandated us to incorporate all existing Projects into the Life Cycle.



Project Tracking



- Facility has been in an 'Operations Mode' for several years now.
- Focusing on improving robustness and reliability of key systems.
- Experiment programme is steadily ramping up with two major Projects (DEAP-3600, MiniCLEAN) expected to begin data taking this year.

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